





HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.  
 AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ..... \$50,000,000  
 PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$20,000,000  
 RESERVE FUND ..... \$1,000,000  
 STERLING ..... \$4,500,000  
 SILVER ..... \$25,000,000  
 PROPERTIES ..... \$20,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
 G. M. Young, Esq., Chairman.  
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 Hon. Mr. P. H. Holsky, T. G. Wells, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
 A. H. BARLOW, Esq.

Manager: Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.  
 LONDON BANKERS:  
 Westminster Bank, Ltd.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in  
 LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED  
 DEPOSITS received for one year or  
 shorter periods in Local Currency and  
 Sterling on terms which will be quoted  
 on application.  
 Hongkong, 20th, May 1925.

## HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is  
 conducted by the HONGKONG  
 AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORP-  
 ORATION. Rules may be obtained  
 on application.

INTEREST on deposits is calculated  
 on the lowest balance during each com-  
 pleted Calendar Month at 3 1/2 per cent.  
 per annum. Should there be no balance  
 on any day in a month no interest will  
 be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their  
 option Balances of \$100 or more to the  
 HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK  
 to be placed on a FIXED DEPOSIT at  
 CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
 BANKING CORPORATION,  
 A. H. BARLOW,  
 Chief Manager.  
 Hongkong 7th January, 1925.

## BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:  
 96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.  
 Subscribed Capital ..... Frs. 72,000,000.00  
 Paid-up Capital ..... Frs. 38,400,000.00  
 Reserve Fund ..... Frs. 59,697,233.34

BRANCHES:  
 Hongkong, Shanghai, Peking,  
 Canton, Hankow, Tientsin,  
 Harbin, Khabarovsk, Vladivostok,  
 Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Manila,  
 Cebu, Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya,  
 London, Lyons, Marseilles, Bordeaux,  
 Calcutta, Rangoon, Bombay, Madras,  
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 Calcutta, Rangoon, Bombay, Madras,

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL  
 CHARTER, 1853.  
 HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.  
 Paid-up Capital ..... \$3,000,000  
 Reserve Fund ..... \$4,000,000  
 Reserve Liability of Pro-  
 prietors ..... \$3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General  
 Banking business transacted.  
 CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and  
 FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year  
 or shorter period at rates which will be  
 quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,  
 Manager.  
 Hongkong, 15th April, 1925.

## THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(Taiwan Ginko.)  
 Incorporated by Special Imperial  
 Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ..... Yen 60,000,000  
 Capital (Paid-up) ..... Yen 52,500,000  
 Reserve Fund ..... Yen 12,980,000

HEAD OFFICE:  
 TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:  
 JAPAN.—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe,  
 Osaka.  
 FORMOSA.—Guan, Kagi, Kienko,  
 Keelung, Makung, Nankin, Pusan,  
 Shinkai, Taichu, Tainan, Toku,  
 Tamsui, Tientsin, Aiko,  
 CHINA.—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy,  
 Fochow, Swatow, Canton,  
 OTHERS.—Bangkok, Hongkong, Singa-  
 pore, Sourabaya, Semarang,  
 Batavia, Bombay, London, New  
 York, Calcutta.

LONDON BANKERS:  
 London County Westminster and  
 Parr's Bank.

THE BANK OF CHINA.  
 行銀國中  
 (Specially Authorized by Presidential  
 Mandate of the Republic of China  
 on the 22nd of November, 1917.)  
 Authorized Capital ..... \$40,000,000.00  
 Paid-up Capital ..... \$18,275,000.00  
 Reserve Fund ..... \$1,829,425.34

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.  
 HONGKONG BRANCH:  
 4, Queen's Road Central.  
 Branches and Sub-branches all over  
 China and Correspondents in Europe,  
 America, and other parts of the world.  
 London Bankers: The National Provincial  
 and Union Bank of England, Ltd.  
 The Guaranty Trust Company of New  
 York.  
 New York Bankers: The Irving  
 National Bank.  
 The Equitable Trust Company of New  
 York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts  
 and Fixed Deposits. Terms on applica-  
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 Every description of Banking Busi-  
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 Loans granted on approved securities.  
 Special facilities for the export and im-  
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 Hongkong, 15th April, 1925.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE  
BANK, LTD.

Established 1880.

Capital (full paid-up) Yen 100,000,000  
 Reserve Fund Yen 83,500,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies at:  
 Batavia, New York,  
 Bombay, Yokohama,  
 Buenos Ayres, Osaka,  
 Calcutta, Peking,  
 Canton, Rangoon,  
 Changchun, Rio de Janeiro,  
 Dairen (Dalny), San Francisco,  
 Fushan (Mukden), Seattle,  
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 Hongkong, Singapore,  
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## COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

## RUBBER MARKET.

Latest Prices From  
 Singapore.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. are in  
 receipt of telegraphic advices  
 from Singapore advising that the  
 price of rubber is now \$1.33 per lb.  
 and that the Ayer Molek Rubber  
 Co. and Kuala Sidim Rubber Co.  
 have declared an interim dividend  
 of 8 per cent. and 15 per cent.  
 respectively. The cable also gives  
 the following prices:—

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Alor Gajahs       | \$ 2.10 |
| Amal Malays       | 3.60    |
| Ayer Moleks       | 2.50    |
| Ayer Panas        | 11.10   |
| Balgowies         | 4.20    |
| Bassett's         | 1.30    |
| Bukit Jelutong    | 1.20    |
| Bukit Katils      | 1.55    |
| Changkat Serdangs | 6.75    |
| Glencalys         | 2.25    |
| Indragiris        | 9.75    |
| Jerams            | 1.30    |
| Jimbahs           | 2.10    |
| Kedahs            | 3.60    |
| Kempas            | 7.60    |
| Kuala Sidims      | 3.15    |
| Lunas             | 13.00   |
| Malaka, Pindas    | 2.90    |
| Malakoffs         | 4.80    |
| Mandal Tekongs    | 1.00    |
| Mayfields         | 9.25    |
| New Serendangs    | 4.30    |
| Pajamas           | 11.75   |
| Parit Peraks      | 3.50    |
| Perak Rivers      | 1.95    |
| Punggors          | 1.55    |
| Sandycrofts       | 3.15    |
| Soudais           | 2.90    |
| Sungei Bagans     | 3.50    |
| Taphas            | 21.50   |
| Tambalaks         | 1.55    |
| Teluk Ansons      | 10.50   |
| Termerlohs        | 1.20    |
| United Malaccas   | 2.60    |
| Utah Simpans      | 3.60    |

## YARN MARKET.

Cheaper Prices Fail to Attract.

Messrs. Polishwalla & Kotwall,  
 Cotton and Yarn brokers, re-  
 port:—

"Since the issue of our last re-  
 port the market has remained  
 quiet steadily. A moderate busi-  
 ness was put through in a few  
 selected chops for Yunnan, while  
 price movements, if any were con-  
 firmed to very narrow limits. On  
 the other hand, demand from  
 other centres may be said to be  
 non-existent, even cheaper prices  
 failing to attract dealers.

Bombay with the mills closed,  
 owing to the strike, no business  
 has been reported.

Total sales, 3,000 bales. Unsold  
 stocks, 5,500 bales. Bargain in  
 Chinese hands spot and to arrive  
 9,000 bales.

Shanghai.—This market is re-  
 ported quiet with only small  
 business passing.

Japanese Yarn.—In the section  
 prices have been very erratic and  
 irregular.

The following are the quota-  
 tions for spot Yarn:—

1,000 Bales Nagasaki No. 20s. at \$233  
 No. 10s. at \$196  
 3 Horses No. 16s. at \$215  
 No. 20s. at \$229  
 1,800 Bales Yellow Joss No. 20s. at \$228  
 No. 10s. at \$198  
 No. 20s. at \$236  
 Blue Fish No. 20s. at \$235  
 No. 12s. at \$205

Raw Cotton.—No business to  
 report.

Quotations:—Bengal \$53 to \$57  
 per picul; Chinese \$56 to \$64 per  
 picul.

## SAIGON RICE MARKET.

Messrs. Wm. G. Hale & Co.,  
 Ltd., of Saigon, in their fort-  
 nightly circular dated September  
 15 state:—

The market has been very quiet  
 and, except for a few transactions  
 with Java for shipment September  
 to October nothing has been done.  
 Prices are consequently receding  
 slightly and arrivals of paddy  
 accumulating in Cholon bear hard  
 upon the market which closes  
 weak.

Paddy is easier. Fairly heavy  
 stocks are available in Cholon and  
 some small holders would be  
 pleased to realize as they must  
 prepare for the new crop.

Freight Market.

To Hongkong.—Market stag-  
 nant. No transactions to report.  
 No demand. Prospects unfavour-  
 able. For Canton there is some  
 offering but only sufficient for a  
 small steamer of about 1,200 tons,  
 at between 25 cents to 30 cents.

## KAILAN MINES.

The total output of the Kailan  
 Mining Administration's mines  
 for the week ending September 19,  
 1925 amounted to 79,922 tons and  
 the sales during the period to  
 77,069 tons.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PAIN-BALM

There is nothing so good for rheuma-  
 tism, neuralgia, sprains, bruises, etc.,  
 as Chamberlain's Pain-Balm. It is  
 sold everywhere and is the best thing  
 for all such ailments.

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## "SELL BRITISH GOODS."

Australian Woman and Lost  
 Opportunities.

Neglect by British manufacturers  
 of the full possibilities of the Aus-  
 tralian market was the subject of  
 recent comment by Mrs. Scarfe, of  
 Adelaide, one of the wealthiest  
 women in Australia, who has made  
 her money in a hardware business,  
 and who last month arrived in Lon-  
 don on her first visit to England  
 since 1909.

She told a "Daily Mail" re-  
 porter:—

"I am sure that a much greater  
 quantity of goods especially molecu-  
 lars, could be sold to Australia if  
 they were more widely advertised,  
 and if the manufacturers would  
 study local requirements more closely.  
 Australian tastes are not as  
 good as those of England, and we  
 require well-sprung cars with  
 plenty of pleasure. I have found  
 the workmanship of the British  
 makes much the best of all.

American firms advertise much  
 more widely than British firms.  
 "Buy British Goods" is an excel-  
 lent slogan; but a better one for the  
 manufacturers would be "Sell  
 British Goods."

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 Bank, the Colonial Bank, the  
 Anglo-Egyptian Bank, and the Na-  
 tional Bank of South Africa are  
 to be merged into one institution  
 with the title of Barclays Bank  
 (Dominion, Colonial, and Overseas).  
 "The bank will work in close co-

## EMPIRE BANKING.

All That It Means.

In the further development of  
 new markets and the exploitation  
 of new raw materials for British  
 industries, the banks must under  
 modern conditions play a larger  
 part than ever before. Cheap  
 credit and the bold encourage-  
 ment of industrial enterprise are  
 the indispensable conditions of  
 recovery from our present trade  
 depression.

—WESTMINSTER GAZETTE.

A great event in the development  
 just announced by Barclays Bank.  
 It is probably the beginning of  
 a big movement that will mean  
 much in the development of trade  
 within the Empire, and it is not  
 likely that the other large banks  
 will stand aside from enterprise of  
 this kind. It is a quiet "bolt from  
 the blue" likely to have far-fetched  
 beneficial results. "The Times"

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 (Dominion, Colonial, and Overseas).  
 "The bank will work in close co-

operation with the parent institu-  
 tion, which will hold the controlling  
 interest; and the chairman, deputy-  
 chairman, and vice-chairman of  
 Barclays Bank will occupy similar  
 positions in the new bank.

"Although the activities of the  
 bank will be confined chiefly to the  
 African continent and the West  
 Indies, the future scope of its  
 operations will be wider, for, as the  
 title indicates, the object of the  
 promoters is to create something of  
 broader Imperial significance. Im-  
 perial economic unity is at present  
 no more than an ideal, but of late  
 years many serious minds have  
 directed their attention to the prac-  
 tical importance of its attainment.

"The War revealed the fact that,  
 owing to the absence of the neces-  
 sary machinery within the Empire,  
 there was less scope for banking  
 co-operation between the various  
 countries composing the Empire  
 than between Great Britain and  
 foreign States. There were no  
 central banks outside these islands.

"This defect in Imperial bank-  
 ing relations has been remedied in  
 part by the creation of reserve  
 banks in South Africa, India, and  
 Australia, and it is hoped that new  
 banks will be set up or that institu-  
 tions performing similar functions  
 will gradually be evolved out of  
 existing banks in Canada, New  
 Zealand, and other places.

"It was the Bank of England  
 which took the initiative in this

enterprise, and co-operation is now  
 possible between certain parts of  
 the Empire in credit and currency  
 and other matters of high finance.  
 What the Bank of England has  
 succeeded in effecting in the field  
 of central banking Barclays Bank  
 is seeking to achieve in the realm  
 of commercial banking. Imperial  
 economic unity is of vast potential  
 importance to the Empire.

"It is only necessary to con-  
 sider what economic unity has done  
 for the United States, and what,  
 without it, would have been the  
 present stage of development in  
 that country, to realise its meaning  
 to the Empire. If the United  
 States had been split up into a  
 number of separate economic units,  
 it is safe to say that development  
 would have been seriously hindered.

"The resources of the Empire  
 are wider in their diversity and  
 richer in their potentialities than  
 those of the great Republic; the  
 only essential difference is that,  
 while one is a geographical, politi-  
 cal, and economic whole, the other  
 is made up of scattered units. Every  
 year mechanical invention is gradu-  
 ally annihilating time and space  
 and reducing the geographical  
 handicap of the Empire.

"New opportunities are constan-  
 tly given to enterprising business  
 men to further the aim of economic  
 unity. But the road is beset with  
 difficulties, and therefore it is wise  
 to hasten slowly."

## HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

## APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

## Butcher Meat.

|                                    | October 1, June, 1925. | 1918.  | June, 1914. |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Beef Sirloin—Ngau Mei Pa           | lb. 36                 | 24     | 12          |
| " Prime Cut                        | " 36                   | 23     | 12          |
| " Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk              | " 34                   | 23     | 20          |
| " Roast—Shiu Ngau Yuk              | " 36                   | 24     | 22          |
| " Breast—Ngau Hung                 | " 32                   | 20     | 18          |
| " Soup—Tong Yuk                    | " 28                   | 20     | 18          |
| " Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa                | " 36                   | 24     | 22          |
| " Steak Sirloin—Ngau Lau           | " 60                   | 30     | 35          |
| " Sausages—Ngau Cheung             | " 40                   | 26     | 20          |
| Bullock's Brains—Ngau No           | per set 15             | 10     | 12          |
| " Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li            | each 90                | 50     | 60          |
| " Tongue, corned—Ham Ngau Li       | " 60                   | —      | —           |
| " Head—Ngau Tau                    | " 80                   | —      | \$1.20      |
| " Heart—Ngau Sam                   | lb. 24                 | 13     | 14          |
| " Hump, Salt—Ngau Chun             | " 30                   | 20     | 18          |
| " Feet—Ngau Kouk                   | each 12                | 10     | 12          |
| " Kidneys—Ngau Yiu                 | " 15                   | 10     | 12          |
| " Tail—Ngau Mei                    | " 30                   | 20     | 22          |
| " Liver—Ngau Kon                   | lb. 24                 | 13     | 14          |
| " Tripe (dressed)—Ngau To          | " 8                    | —      | 7           |
| Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-tai-tai | set \$1.20             | \$1.00 | \$1.00      |
| Mutton Chop—Yeding Poi Ewat        | lb. 55                 | 26     | —           |
| " Leg—Young Poi                    | " 53                   | 26     | —           |
| " Shoulder—Young Kin               | " 52                   | 24     | —           |
| " Saddle—Young On Yuk              | " 55                   | —      | —           |
| Pigs' Chittlings—Chu Chong         | " 40                   | —      | 27          |
| " Brains—Chu No                    | per set 5              | —      | 12          |
| " Feet—Chu Kouk                    | lb. 24                 | 15     | —           |
| " Fry—Chu Chap                     | " 40                   | 15     | 18          |
| " Head—Chu Tau                     | " 24                   | 20     | —           |
| " Heart—Chu Sam                    | each 15                | 10     | 10          |
| " Kidneys—Chu Yiu                  | " 20                   | 10     | 8           |
| " Liver—Chu Kon                    | lb. 52                 | 30     | 24          |
| Pork Chop—Chu Pai Kwat             | " 42                   | 25     | 23          |
| " Leg—Chu Poi                      | " 45                   | —      | —           |
| " Loin—Chu Han Tun                 | " 48                   | 23     | 27          |
| " Fat or Lard—Chu Yau              | " 26                   | 21     | —           |
| Sheep's Head & Feet—Young Tau-Kouk | set 70                 | 60     | 70          |
| " Heart—Young Sam                  | each 15                | 8      | 7           |
| " Kidneys—Young Yiu                | " 15                   | 12     | 10          |
| " Liver—Young Kon                  | " 55                   | 28     | 25          |
| Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tai     | " 25                   | 25     | 22          |
| Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau          | " 86                   | 20     | 18          |
| " Mutton—Shang Young Yau           | " 65                   | 26     | 24          |
| Veal—Ngau Tai Yuk                  | " 30                   | 20     | 19          |
| " Sausages—Ngau Tai Cheung         | " 40                   | 20     | 20          |
| No. 1                              | " 32                   | —      | —           |

## Fish.

|                                    |        |     |    |    |    |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----|----|----|----|
| Barbel—Ka Yu                       | 鰱魚     | lb. | 30 | 19 | 24 |
| Bream—Pin Yu                       | 魚      | "   | 32 | 20 | 16 |
| Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Shu Yu | (魚) 海鯊 | "   | —  | 18 | 16 |
| Carp—Li Yu                         | 魚      | "   | —  | 18 | 27 |
| Catfish—Chik Yu                    | 魚      | "   | —  | 12 | 9  |
| Codfish—Mun Yu                     | 魚      | "   | —  | 20 | 25 |
| Crabs—Hoi                          | 蟹      | "   | 45 | 23 | 26 |
| Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu                 | 魚      | "   | 34 | 18 | 2  |
| Dab—Sha Mang Yu                    | 魚      | "   | 55 | 23 | 16 |
| Dace—Wong Mei Lap                  | 黃鰱     | "   | 20 | 10 | 9  |
| Dog Fish—Tik To Sha                | 魚肚     | "   | 10 | 10 | 8  |
| Eels, Conger—Hoi Man               | 黃鰻     | "   | 30 | 16 | —  |
| Fresh water—Tahk Shai Yu           | 淡水     | "   | —  | 10 | 18 |
| Yellow—Wong Shu                    | 黃      | "   | —  | 26 | 30 |
| Frog—Tia Kai                       | 田      | "   | 65 | 32 | 25 |
| Garoupa—Shek Pan                   | 石斑     | "   | 75 | 40 | 30 |
| Gadgoun—Pak Kap Yu                 | 鰱      | "   | 22 | 18 | 15 |
| Herrings—Tso Pak                   | 鱈      | "   | 36 | 22 | 18 |
| Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kap            | 鱈      | "   | 24 | 18 | 23 |
| Labrus—Wong Fa Yu                  | 黃魚     | "   | 36 | 22 | 18 |
| Loach—Wa Yu                        | 花魚     | "   | 80 | 22 | 24 |
| Lobsters—Lang Ha                   | 龍蝦     | "   | 55 | 32 | 21 |
| Mackerel—Chik Yu                   | 魚      | "   | 32 | 20 | 26 |
| Monk Fish—Mong Yu                  | 魚      | "   | 88 | 32 | 28 |
| Mullet—Tait Yu                     | 魚      | "   | 80 | 18 | 2  |
| Oysters—Shang Ho                   | 牡蠣     | "   | 80 | 16 | 22 |
| Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu            | 公燕     | "   | 28 | 14 | 9  |
| Pench—Tan Lo                       | 燕      | "   | 84 | 20 | 15 |
| Pike—Fa Pau Fong                   | 魚      | "   | 16 | 16 | 9  |
| Plaice—Pan Yu                      | 魚      | "   | 45 | 28 | 14 |
| Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong           | 魚      | "   | 38 | 28 | 29 |
| Pomfret, White—Pak Chong           | 魚      | "   | 46 | 36 | 40 |
| Prawns—Ming Ha                     | 蝦      | "   | 75 | 36 | 35 |
| Ray—Pai Pa Sha                     | 魚      | "   | 16 | 10 | 14 |
| Rock Fish—Shek Kau Kung            | 魚      | "   | 24 | 18 | 18 |
| Roach—Chun Yu                      | 魚      | "   | 38 | 22 | 16 |
| Salmon—Ma Yau                      | 魚      | "   | 75 | 36 | 30 |
| Shark—Sha Yu                       | 魚      | "   | 15 | 8  | 10 |
| Sole—Pa Yu                         | 魚      | "   | 16 | 10 | 10 |
| Squid—Ma                           | 魚      | "   | 65 | 26 | 35 |
| Swordfish—Tahk Yu                  | 魚      | "   | 65 | 32 | 30 |
| Tail Shark Yu                      | 魚      | "   | 40 | 22 | 23 |
| Tongue Fish—Tahk Yu                | 魚      | "   | 82 | 18 | 12 |
| Worm—Shing Yu                      | 魚      | "   | —  | 40 | —  |



## KING'S PARK.

RECREATION GROUNDS  
READY.

## ECONOMY QUERY.

When a vote for laying out ground for recreation purposes in King's Park came up for discussion at the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotelawala thought the work might be postponed and the money saved.

The Chairman (the Colonial Secretary) said the work was practically finished. The money for it was available under the item relating to the construction of the new road through King's Park to Homantin and the bridge across the railway which had proved less than estimated for.

Whilst he was on the subject the Chairman said that these recreation grounds were being prepared for definite clubs—the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Club de Recreio, the United Services Recreation Club and one or two others, but as owing to the military lands question being held up those clubs, with the exception of the Club de Recreio, would not at present require these grounds they were being allotted this year to other clubs who are in urgent need of grounds. Various new clubs had arisen for which the Government could not provide recreation grounds and they could use them in the meantime.

**Volunteer Sports Ground.**  
The weekly orders of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps state that in conjunction with the Hongkong Rugby Football Club and the Hongkong Hockey Club, the Volunteer Sports Committee have been allotted ground in King's Park.

Each body is to contribute in direct proportion of its membership to a common fund which will be devoted to initial outlay in preparing the ground and erecting dressing rooms, etc.

Volunteer Orders also state that it has been decided to terminate the present loose arrangements of Volunteer Sport activity by the formation of a Volunteer Sport Club. The yearly subscription is to be \$5 payable in advance and names of those wishing to become members should be sent at once to the Hon. Secretary, 2nd Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell at Bradley & Co., Ltd.

The existing Volunteer Sports Committee will be the first Committee of the Hongkong Volunteer Sports Club, and the Committees of the three clubs will continue to deal with matters affecting their clubs' interests now and after the ground in King's Park is ready for use.

The ground is not yet ready for playing purposes, but there are a number of questions in connection with it which must be dealt with at once, and a Central Committee has been formed to deal with these questions and to act as a Committee for consideration of and action in matters concerning the three bodies, not as individual clubs, but as jointly interested in the ground.

The following gentlemen form the Central Committee:—Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., President; Mr. P. W. F. Mills, Hon. Secretary; Mr. O. Skinner, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. W. Woodward, Mr. E. D. Evans, Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, Mr. H. Green.

## SCOT'S POST.

GUARDIAN OF A JORDAN  
BRIDGE.

Details of the Druse rising against the French in Syria were given by Mr. Carveth Wells, who arrived in England from Palestine.

Mr. Wells was in Syria two weeks ago when a camel corps of 800 Arabs in the French service was massacred by the Druses. The latter were holding a front 35 miles wide in a mountainous and difficult country and had 60,000 men in the field.

The Druses and the Rifles were in touch with one another, and each seemed to know what the other was doing.

Crossing the Jordan from Syria into Palestine, Mr. Wells found the only bridge connecting the two countries in charge of a Scot, who ate there alone examining and controlling the movement of people from one country to the other and examining their papers.

His name is David J. Moir, formerly a sergeant in the British Army, and now an adjutant in the Palestine Gendarmerie. He has held this isolated post for the past five years and been quite happy, but he is looking forward to visiting Glasgow shortly, where his wife is living.

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## VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

TRAINING SEASON  
COMMENCES.

## FIELD EXERCISES.

The Training Season with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps commences to-day, and training programmes are to be put in hand forthwith.

The route march which was to be held on Monday, however, is postponed indefinitely.

## PROMENADE CONCERT.

A promenade concert will be held at Headquarters on Friday, October 9, 1925, at 9.15 p.m. Tickets \$1 each are obtainable in the Canteen and Sergeants' Mess. Tickets will be limited to 300 only. The Band of the 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, and the Pipe Band and Dancers of the H.V.D.C. Scottish Company will be in attendance and a good programme from all the local talent has been arranged.

Company orders are as follows:—

## MUSKETRY COURSES.

Part I is to be fired at the Peak range this Sunday by the Scottish Company, the miniature range being available to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Part II is to be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday by the Mounted Infantry Company, launch leaving Murray pier at 9 a.m. and calling at Kowloon pier at 9.10 a.m.

## ARTILLERY COMPANY.

City Section parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6. Dress: Mufti.

Taikoo Section parade at Taikoo at 5.15 p.m. on Friday, October 9. Dress: Mufti.

## ENGINEER COMPANY.

The Engineer Company—all sections will parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. every Monday.

A lecture for N.C.O.'s (more particularly Field Company N.C.O.'s) and others interested will be given at Headquarters on Thursday, October 8, at 5.30 p.m. Subject, "Earthworks."

Light Section parade at Belcher's Fort for D.E.L. Runs at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 1925. Dress: Mufti.

## ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

Wednesday, October 7, at 5.30 p.m. Gunner N.C.O.'s under Sergeant Instructor Hancock.

Drivers as detailed. All ranks of all sections are reminded that full parades will commence on Monday, October 19, 1925.

## SCOTTISH COMPANY.

N.C.O.'s Class of Instruction will not be held on Tuesday, October 6.

## STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the strength and posted as under:—  
No. 995 Pte. Hudson, E.C., M.C., Infantry Co., dated 25.9.25.

No. 996 Pte. Foster, T.L., Armoured Car Co., dated 25.9.25.

No. 997 Piper Brown, G.S., Scottish Co., dated 25.9.25.

## PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from September 29, 1925:—

## ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

No. 517 Corpl. Edwards, C.L., to be Sergeant.

No. 501 Lee-Corpl. Mathieson, N., to be Corporal.

No. 792 Lee-Corpl. Spradberry, E.J., to be Corporal.

No. 780 Pte. Curwood, L.E., to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 749 Pte. Dewhurst, E., to be Lance-Corporal.

No. 777 Pte. Munn, F.E.G., to be Lance-Corporal.

## LEAVE.

No. 952 Pte. Gutierrez, J.M., Infantry Company, is granted one month's leave from 28.9.25 to 22.10.25.

## REVERSION.

No. 506 Corpl. Mills, P.W.F., Armoured Car Company, is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request, as from 25.9.25.

## RESIGNATION.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps:—  
No. 536 Pte. Lloyd, C.G.F., Mounted Infantry Co., dated 14.8.25.

No. 558 Pte. Howell, H.M., Infantry Co., dated 17.9.25.

## STRUCK OFF.

No. 197 Pte. Hunter, R.C., Infantry Co., is struck off the strength of the Corps as from 25.9.25.

## ANNUAL CAMP.

The Annual Camp has been cancelled this year. In its place, the following exercises will be essential for efficiency.

Engineer Company, Field Day, November 29.  
Armoured Car Company, Field Day, November 28.  
Mounted Infantry Company, Field Day, December 6.  
Infantry Company, Field Day, December 8.  
Scottish Company, Field Day, December 10.

## RESCUE TUG.

THE "SAVING STAR"  
LAUNCHED.

## YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

The rescue tug built to the order of the Hongkong Government for use in typhoons and to maintain communications (a service to Pratas Shoal in connection with the wireless station there has been already mentioned) was launched yesterday morning at the Taikoo Dockyard. There was no special ceremony on the occasion of the launching, but Miss Mollie Reid broke the customary bottle on the bows to ensure good luck.

The rescue tug, which was built by the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., of Hongkong, has been named the "Kau Sang" (Saving Star).

## VESSEL'S DESCRIPTION.

The vessel has an over-all length of 138 feet with a beam of 30 feet and depth to main deck of 15½ feet and is built of Siemens-Martin mild steel to scantlings approved by Lloyd's to obtain the 100-A-1 ocean-going tug certificate. The vessel is constructed with a sunk fore-castle and bridge deck amidships and has a 'tween deck forward and aft of machinery spaces. There are two pole masts carrying the navigation lights, and wireless aerials. Under deck the forward and after peaks are arranged as ballast tanks, also large fresh water tanks forward and aft with feed tank under engines. Oil fuel is carried in a large cross bunker forward of stokehold. In the sunk fore-castle there is arranged a handsome dining saloon lighted by a large overhead skylight.

A special stateroom with bathroom attached has been fitted suitable for the accommodation of Government Officials; rooms for Captain, Chief Officer, Chief Engineer and Wireless Officer are also arranged in this space. Around the casing on deck is a large galley, bathroom, store rooms, etc. Aft under the deck is a large space fitted up for relief men, and giving ample floor space for first aid cases, the skylight over this space being portable and large enough to pass stretcher cases down through opening. The crew are berthed aft of this space. On the fore-castle deck is a powerful steam winlass fitted with quick warping ends, a bow hawsepipe has been fitted at centre of stem for buoy moorings. There is a teak deckhouse arranged as wheelhouse and after part of same as a wireless room.

On the bridge deck are the boats, one of which will be fitted with a 30 h.p. Thornycroft motor. Out-turning gear has been fitted to the davits and the boat falls are arranged to be worked from the steam capstan aft. On the navigating bridge is a powerful searchlight, also a Kent's patent clear view screen fitted to front of bridge, and a Semaphore with Morse code lamp on top. A Lyle's line carrying gun has been fitted on the fore-castle and suitable gun platforms have been fitted forward. The vessel has electric light throughout and special attention has been paid to lighting in way of life-boats for working at night time. Wireless and wireless telephony are being installed.

Everything necessary to make the vessel in every way complete for the purpose she was built has been arranged for. The machinery consists of one set triple-expansion engines, having cylinders 18in., 29in. and 48in. diameters with a stroke of 33in. supplied by steam from two boilers 12ft. 6in. diameter and 11ft. 6in. long. A Merryweather's Greenwich Gem steam fire pump capable of discharging 600 to 800 gallons of water per minute is installed in engine room with a directing monitor aft of the funnel to take six hoses.

The construction of the vessel has been under the superintendence of Mr. R. Hall, of Government Marine Surveyor's Office, and Mr. W. Lang for Lloyd's.

Berlin, October 1.—Important negotiations are proceeding between German industrial concerns and banks and the Soviet authorities the object being the formation of a Russo-German company with a capital of 50,000,000 marks for the erection of metal and other factories in Russia of which the Germans undertake the direction and organization, the Soviet Government supplying labour and raw materials. The Soviets will also grant the company important privileges.

Constantinople, October 1.—The newspapers publish notices warning for military service, four classes of recruits from 21 to 24 years of age. All officers of the First and Second Reserve are called up to present themselves for examination.

## BLIND HOME.

FURTHER PARTICULARS  
OF SALE.

## FRENCH CONVENT FUNCTION.

On Wednesday, October 14, at 10 a.m., Mrs. R. W. Bird will open a Cheap Sale of Work at the French Convent, Causeway Bay, in aid of the hundreds of orphan and blind girls who are maintained in Hongkong by the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. The sale will continue until Saturday, October 17.

The French Convent has long been justly famous for the excellence of its linen embroidery work, which is all done by the orphan and blind girls of the institution. This year a large and varied assortment of linen and woollen articles will be offered at most reasonable prices, and those who are beginning to wonder what to send to "the old folks at home" this coming Christmas could not do better than pay a visit to this sale.

Linen and Woollen articles for all household purposes will also be on view, including a splendid assortment of baby clothes. A special feature of this year's sale will be a number of French dolls in fancy dress. There will also be several Raffles and Sweet and Refreshment Stalls.

In addition to the ordinary sale, \$1,000 tickets are now being distributed, which can be exchanged for useful articles on any of the days of the sale.

The work which is being carried on by the Sisters at Causeway Bay is deserving of every support, and all who patronise this sale will have the two-fold pleasure of receiving excellent value for their money and of helping a great work of Christian Charity.

## MONEY IN PLEASURE

MAN WHO MADE  
DEAUVILLE ATTRACTIVE.

Every day between eleven and twelve in the morning, you may see, strolling through the magnificent Casino at Deauville, a pale, silent little man who seems to have nothing in common with the world's opulent, frivolous, and picturesque seaside playground. It is Cornuche, the "King" of Deauville. Fifteen years ago he stood on a sandy waste on the Normandy coast and dreamed of a glittering pleasure city by the sea, a haunt of holiday-making princes, millionaires and elegantes; and he went away and talked to his millionaire backer. So Deauville arose.

"King" Cornuche is an extraordinary man. He is sixty now, and feeling his age. His day is rationed. He takes his walk. He reclines for 20 minutes after his sparse meals. His staff—he has a highly organised staff of 3,000—can see him personally between ten and eleven. They speak to a man who looks at them with pale eyes, makes no motion and says nothing. Cornuche's method is to take in what is said, turn it over in his mind, and later on dictate his reply. The "reply slips" are circulated at nine next morning.

Cornuche began life as a kitchen boy, washing dishes. He bought his first restaurant, the old Maxim's in Paris, at the knock-out price of 5,000 francs—money saved centime by centime. He made it pay, for he knows his business, and has an uncanny flair for knowing the foibles, tastes, vagaries and follies of the bon viveurs, the demi-monde and the haut monde—the pleasure-lovers who spend money.

In his early days Cornuche came to England and studied the watering places. He saw their weak point at once—lack of amusement. After a walk on the pier, and a session in the concert hall, there was nothing to do. Ever afterward he made his guiding principle the provision in his pleasure towns of distractions—racing, tennis, golf, café centres, like the famous "Potiniere" at Deauville, polo, gambling, dancing and bands. He conquered Monte Carlo that way. After the war he transferred to Cannes and spent millions of francs in building up its sport and pleasure side—and now the smart world flocks to Cannes and Monte takes second place.

But Cornuche is restless and insatiable. He never stays content. He likes to build and sell. His latest venture is La Brule, a little fishing hamlet in Brittany. He is making another Deauville of that.

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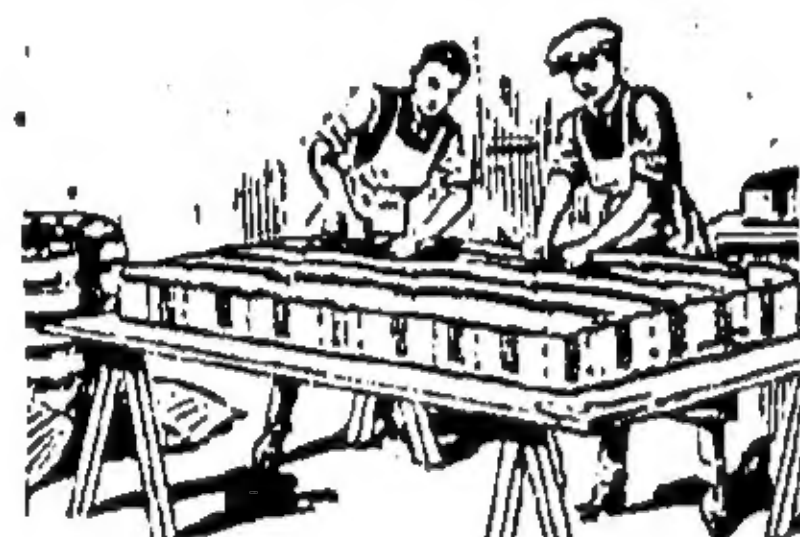
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## THE FOURTH ESTATE.

Life these days may well be described as one Conference after another. The gift of tongues is not one of nature's lavish gifts, but the gift of speech certainly is. Shakespeare's "puling infant" is early encouraged. The allegedly wise and witty utterances of quite small children are quoted to us by doting parents, who, if they do not encourage their continuance, do not check them. And so on it goes until the babel of tongues is added to, and argument and rhetoric are our daily lot. People who profess inability to put pen to paper, are not so modest when it comes to verbal expression. It is this easiness of utterance which tends to the multiplication of conferences. It is difficult to imagine a conference at which utterances of worth had first to be written before being delivered. A drop of ink makes people think while the quick almost unthought word flies out to do its own mischievous work. The danger of conferences lies in the fact that they are likely to overstep their legitimate boundaries. The reform movement is a latent process, and quickly round. Perhaps we need another proverb. People live in glass houses, and should not throw stones. Making a point of order is a point of order. Making a point of order is a point of order.

much affluence. But making righteousness readable is possible and not a little profitable. Our London "Times," and our possibly greater "Manchester Guardian" prove this. Whilst before the "Christian Science Monitor" of America, the newspaper man bows in respectful admiration. We seek not to belittle the work of the Empire Press Conference, about which, perhaps, we know little. Our observations have been prompted by the necessarily restricted cabled news of its meetings.

## EUROPE AND HER DEBTS TO AMERICA.

With the approaching settlement of France's debt to America, another step has been taken in the arduous task of liquidating the post-war financial tangle. France and England, Belgium and America, have already come to terms and now France and America, after much skillful manoeuvring, seem about to settle.

It is worth while at this juncture to take a glance at the future and to attempt a long view of what these debt settlements really mean.

The outstanding fact is that the whole position is dominated absolutely by the United States. Our French friends seem to forget this fact and fail to realise that we are as much the unwilling victims of circumstances as they are. In mail week we notice that the "Temps" once again puts the blame for all this financial imbroglio on Mr. Baldwin. It takes the attitude that if he had not gone to Washington to make the Anglo-American settlement, the whole debt question would have had to be faced by America with the view, at least, to a large scaling down, if not the cancellation, of all war debts. In the newspapers of Indo-China, and in conversation with French friends, the same point of view has been brought forward. It is time that our French friends faced the realities of this matter—and in Mr. Caillaux, undoubtedly destined to be one of the most powerful forces in Europe, in years to come, they have an original-minded and far-seeing minister, who essentially bases himself on realities.

Two facts stand out conspicuously in this matter. America was entitled, if she thought fit, to call for a settlement of all debts due to her. England was prohibited from making any attempt whatever to avoid, or even postpone, a settlement.

Her past tradition totally forbids such a thought, and on that subject all parties in the country are in absolute agreement. We went as far as we possibly could when we strongly advocated an all-round cancellation of war debts, in which, be it noted, we should have stood to forfeit just as much as America. When America turned down that suggestion with a simple demand to pay, the matter was settled once and for all as far as we were concerned, and it is a great pity that France does not more fully grasp our point of view in the matter. We may all have, as individuals, our own opinion on the attitude that America chose to adopt, but as a nation we cannot dispute her claim to be paid, and, as a consequence, we can not forego our claim to be paid at least an equivalent amount by our allies.

Now let us turn to these claims and attempt to see where their settlement leads to.

America is claiming that a total sum of \$4,000,000,000 shall be paid to her by Europe, spread over a period of sixty years, a yearly average of \$70,000,000, though actually less than that now, but rising at the end of the term to \$90,000,000 per annum.

The first thing that strikes us as we look at these huge sums is that though the generation which is working on these problems in 1920 may come to terms on this debt question, it is exceedingly unlikely that the generation in power in Europe in 1950 is going placidly to accept such a financial responsibility for the result of actions for which they had no responsibility whatever. Even today there are many people on both sides of the Atlantic who look upon the balancing of the books against the slaughter of the youth of Europe on behalf of the world's liberty, as a most monstrous outrage on both reason and right. How much stronger will that feeling be when the generation that suffered the slaughter is no longer in power? Making a point of order is a point of order. Making a point of order is a point of order.

## SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Showery weather suggests the question whether there is any "rule of the pavement" for umbrellas. One leaves aside the umbrella hogs who plunge along regardless of others, but there should surely be some rule for polite umbrella-holders. When two of these meet it is quite common for both to raise their umbrellas simultaneously, so that the two clash in mid air, and the attempt to avoid a collision has only involved entanglement. Can any one suggest a rule by which we shall know which of two people meeting ought to maintain the umbrella at the normal level and which ought to hit it to clear the other? And which Hongkong store is to be the first to inaugurate a system of hiring umbrellas? There should be money in the idea, but in any case the advertisement would be terrific!

Most of the slang created during the War originated in attempts to talk French. "Napoo" (no more, all gone, finished) "You're late, breakfast napoo," is, of course, derived from *il n'y a pas de plus*, a phrase with which our men were too sadly familiar. It could also be used in contexts which made it clear that it meant a particular article much in demand. A cottager who had eggs to sell, if not asked for "erfs," would, when asked for two "napoos," probably produce eggs, and at an *estaminet* a request for "napoo" would usually procure a glass of wine. A "bongo boosh" is an obvious and mild corruption. Spirits being forbidden at the front the usual way of getting round the difficulty was to ask for *Café avec*: finally "avec" came to stand as a general term for alcohol. These "Alley at the foot" (*Allez tout de suite*), "Japan" for *du pain*, and similar corruptions are not likely to live long; indeed, we should be surprised if they are still alive. "Napoo" is the only one which appears likely to prove permanent. "Blanked" (drunk—from *vin blanc*) may live as an alternative to "blotto," carrying as it does the same suggestion. It is the sound of a slang word, apart from its handiness, which secures a permanent place for it in the language. On the other hand, "couswood" (drunk—from *Quatre sous*, the price of a drink in the early days of the war) will not probably survive. "Cushy" for instance, is derived from the Hindustani *Khusk*—pleasant, and its survival is obviously due to the suggestion that the sound of it carries—"cushion," and therefore

of softness and comfort. "Cumshaw" is a bit of naval slang meaning a gift or a perquisite. It is a rendering of the Chinese word *Kamsia* (*Kam*—grateful; *Sia*—thanks). Hickey mentions it as current in China ports about 1775. Here sound has had no obvious influence as a preservative. It has probably survived as an esoteric form of speech, showing that a man has been there.

Stories of the theatre are invariably humorous. Those given the other day in this column have led to a request for more. The Shreds man recently made the usual mistake of all nervous prompters, in signalling for the rise of a curtain which revealed a live corpse—the owner of which had been unmistakably done to death by some very decided Robota. The audience, true to its past-laughed. An amusing theatrical "first night" story is told by James Agate. A new farce was going dreadfully on, the actors, through sheer discouragement, dropping their voices.

"Louder, please!" came a request from the gallery. Obediently the voices were raised, only to become again inaudible.

"Louder!" the command came, with the same result. Then again the gallery spoke: "Louder—and funnier!"

Some people find it as easy to write as others do to speak. Hongkong can provide examples to illustrate this fact. How many who have revelled in the humour of W. W. Jacobs—whose pen seems unhappily dead or moribund—realise the trouble that writing was for him. He has told that often he will spend the word is his own) an entire morning in constructing a single sentence. If he writes a four-thousand-word story in a month, he feels he has earned a holiday; and the reason that he does not always take it is that he is generally too tired. If it hadn't been for the Night Watchman, he might have had to give up writing. He had exhausted all his own stories. For weeks he cudgeled his brain in vain. Then suddenly in desperation he seized his pen and wrote:

"Speaking of wimmen," said the Night Watchman. And after that it was plain sailing. He left it to the Night Watchman. The Night Watchman talked on.

May he be resurrected to continue doing so!

pean civilisation is bound to sink. Unfortunately there appears very slight hope that this will be compensated for by a rise in the level of civilisation in America. All classes feel the weight of this enormous load of debt, which means increased taxation and decreased profits and wages. This again means less money for the amenities of life and for social reform, leading to increased unrest among all classes and more encouragement for those elements of society whose sole business it is to fish in troubled waters, with the hope of upsetting society, as at present, constituted.

Furthermore, and worse, is it not against all one's experience of human nature for a debtor to love his creditor? England pays; America, Belgium pays; France pays; and by and by, Italy will unwillingly have to pay. Do we not all know how too well that the old feeling of goodwill which existed between the Allies and their Associates is fading away, if it is not already dead?

England must demand payment from France, Italy, etc. What then happens to the old Entente Cordiale? It may be replaced by a bond of sheer but sordid self-interest, but that is a long step below that spontaneous and free feeling of affection, albeit that existed between England and France—and between England and America—before this debt question arose toasperate and clog all the finer feelings between nations.

To sum up, we have in this growing and spreading feeling of bitterness and irritation, all the elements which tend to make it almost a certainty that the future grouping of World Powers under the incentive of the dire necessity of Europe paying her debts to America, is a fascinating subject for speculation. The only thing that seems at all certain is that the outcome of these debt payments will be very different from what the rather short-sighted politicians at Washington imagined.

By the time that results have worked themselves out, one can but imagine that the representatives at Washington will have either washed their hands altogether of international politics, in disgust and committed America again to her former state of isolation, or that they will have come to a realisation that moves on the international scene, and that the game can not be played in the same manner as it was played in the past.



## TOWN AFLAME.

SPANISH MOROCCO  
SUCCESS.

IMPORTANT CAPTURES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, October 1.

A communiqué says: "Profiting by the confusion of the enemy as a result of the victorious advance on September 29, we to-day continued the advance and occupied this morning, Adraesdum, an important position near Ajdir, completely dominating, with its guns, Abdel Krim's village. The enemy is resisting feebly."

KIM'S HOUSE GONE.

General Primo de Rivera wire-leased from the battleship "Alfonso XIII" at three this afternoon the result of the Spanish bombardment. Ajdir is aflame, including Abdel Krim's house.

TANKS TO THE FORE.

Simultaneously with the Spanish successes a Fex communiqué claims that the French are victoriously advancing, having captured numerous villages north of Kiffane, occupying an additional 300 square kilometres of territory, aided by the large use of tanks irresistibly rolling on a 15-mile front.

PRESSMAN KILLED.

Paris, October 1.  
Colonel Reginald Kahn, war correspondent of the "Temps", was killed on the Erkeur Road, en route to a visit to French advanced posts.

EARLIER CABLES.

Fez, October 1.  
The balance of fighting in the first day of the renewed offensive was clearly favourable to the French whose losses were only twenty-two killed and wounded. They gained all the objectives north of Kiffane. The troops engaged, consisting of foreign legionaries, tirailleurs and alpine chasseurs, advanced in three columns and captured the ridges to the north of Kiffane. They met very strong resistance on the Hammouch ridge where machine guns were captured. Otherwise the opposition was feeble and confined to isolated parties.

Aircraft largely contributed to the day's success wherein the tanks were very useful, their crews volunteering the most dangerous tasks. Marshall Petain and General Maunin watched the advance from Doumeheris.

## FRANCE'S DEBT.

TEMPORARY SETTLEMENT  
REACHED.

\$40,000,000 A YEAR.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, October 1.

It is announced that the French proposals for the funding of the French Debt to the United States, have been rejected.

FIFTY YEARS.

Washington, October 2.

A temporary settlement has been reached in the debt negotiations, providing for payment of \$40,000,000 annually.

The arrangement covers a period of 50 years.

Mr. Caillaux, to-morrow, takes back the American proposal enabling a continuance of discussions in view of a permanent settlement at any time within that period.

TIRELESS LABOURS.

The announcement that an agreement had been reached came at the conclusion of a day full of conflicting rumours during which all concerned laboured unceasingly to reach an exit of the impasse created early in the morning when the Americans announced that the French proposals were unacceptable.

EARLIER CABLES.

Washington, October 1.  
The new French debt, offer which the American Commission will submit to President Coolidge to-day for ultimate decision, calls for the payment of forty million dollars annually for five years, sixty million dollars annually for the next seven years, a hundred million dollars annually for the succeeding fifty years.

This means an aggregate total of \$5,320,000,000 principal and interest on a reserve fund of \$4,210,000,000. Calculations show that the interest rate thereon, although not actually paid, amounts to about 10 per cent of the principal.

## SHOCK FOR CITY.

LOWER BANK RATE  
SURPRISE.

LUCK OF THE BROKERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 1.

The reduction in the bank rate has dumfounded City circles because the announcement was made only two days after the Government had accepted the Conversion Loan Tenders.

The result was a sharp rise in investment issues under Lead and Gilt Edgeds, and a handsome profit for brokers who successfully tendered the Conversion Loan.

If the price rises only one point, the bankers' profit will be \$400,000.

In addition to the ability of borrowing money cheaper, the incident is criticised as showing a lack of contact between the Treasury's financial advisers and the Governors of the Bank of England, with resultant heavy loss to the Treasury.

Reduction was actually expected on September 24 in view of the announcement of the impending issue of the Conversion Loan.

## LABOUR'S VIEWS.

THE CAPITAL LEVY  
BURIED?

CRITICISM AT CONGRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, October 1.

The Labour Conference adopted the Executive's resolution in favour of the public ownership of the Banking credit system also of national finance. A resolution was passed re-affirming the conference's opposition to food taxes and protective tariffs, and demanding vigorous steps to increase the taxation of accumulated wealth and excessive incomes, and large and speedy reduction of the national debt.

Replying to criticisms that the resolution did not refer to a Capital Levy, Mr. Philip Snowden said the resolution did not repudiate the principle of the Levy but asked the next Labour Government to deal with the problem of the redemption of the national debt, whereupon one critic described the resolution as the burial service of the Capital Levy and appealed to the conference to stop the rot in the Parliamentary party and its drift towards Liberalism.

FOREIGN POLICY.

The conference adopted the Executive's resolution on foreign policy, urging the principles of the Geneva Protocol as the only practicable basis of permanent and secure peace and general disarmament, also condemning the offer to accept the Iraq mandate for another 25 years.

Mr. Herbert Smith, president of the Miners' Federation, in the course of the discussion, attacked the Dawes scheme, and said it was killing the Labour movement, and if the Labour Party had not enquired into its operations and results, the Miners International would do so.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald associated himself with Mr. Smith's remarks and defended the Labour Government's action in regard to reparations. He claimed they took the reparations problem out of the hands of the political committee and put it in the hands of an economic and more or less impartial committee. Had that step been properly and energetically followed up it would have been a step forward in the emancipation of the European working classes.

## PEOPLE'S RIGHTS.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY  
CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, October 2.

In welcoming 400 delegates representing 38 nations, at a meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg said the attention of the world-centred on steady self-government. Nothing could be more stimulating for the advancement of Liberal ideas or contribute more certainly to peace than such an exchange of views as they were engaged in.

The meeting was held in the Chamber of the Lower House of Congress, the first time the auditorium has been used for any other purpose than the assembly of regularly elected legislators of the United States.

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## RUSSIAN ENVOY.

INCIDENTS OF BERLIN  
WELCOME.

POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, October 1.

M. Chicherin has been busy, repeatedly conferring with Dr. Luther and Herr Stresemann. He was banqueted by the latter yesterday and lunched by Herr Luther to-day.

German Bankers are negotiating to secure credits of 100,000,000 marks to purchase agricultural machinery in Germany.

Russo-German commercial pourparlers are so far advanced that a conclusion of the treaty is expected before Luther and Stresemann leave for Locarno to-morrow.

In political circles the surmise of Chicherin's activities is in no wise unconnected with discussions at Locarno and the possible effect of the Rapallo Treaty.

German Nationals, who ordinarily oppose everything Bolshevistic, are at present extolling the advantages of a Germano-Russian rapprochement.

## EMPIRE TRADE.

WHAT OUR PRESS  
CAN DO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, October 1.

The Press Conference warmly acclaimed and passed resolutions exhorting the Press all over the Empire to do its utmost to promote inter-Empire trade, establishing a sub-committee to deal with the question at the next Conference which is to meet in London in 1930.

## AVIATOR FINED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Oct. 1.

The Freiburg court has fined the French aviator Coste (who crashed near Freiburg on September 18), 5,000 gold marks for flying over Germany in a type of machine which the Versailles treaty forbids Germany to build. Half the fine has been remitted owing to the period during which the aviator was detained pending trial. Coste, however, is unable to pay the balance which means that he will have to serve a further twelve days' imprisonment. The shattered machine was confiscated.

Paris, Oct. 1.

News of the condemnation of Coste has caused serious indignation but the Government is continuing to support the airman diplomatically.

## TOKYO FLOODS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, October 1.

A rainstorm last night in the Tokyo district resulted in three known and eight unconfirmed deaths. Thousands of houses were partially submerged and a train was derailed.

This evening's report states that 42,000 houses were partially submerged in Tokyo. There were landslides resulting in twenty deaths in Yokohama and six in Yokohama. The rain was the heaviest for fifty years but no serious damage was done though it interfered with the census which was being taken last night.

## MISCHA LEVITSKI.

THEATRE ROYAL  
PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of the concert to be given by the noted pianist, Mischa Levitski, in the Theatre Royal on Saturday night.

I.  
Organ Toccata and Fugue, D minor: Bach-Tausig.  
Melody from Orfeo: Gluck-Spannelli.  
Sonata, Op. 57: Appassionata Allegro Assai; Andante con Moto; Allegro ma non troppo-grave, played without interruption: Beethoven.

II.  
Nocturne, F. Sharp major, Op. 15, No. 2: Chopin.  
Hude, G. Flat (Butterfly) Op. 25, No. 9: Chopin.  
Ronde, G. Flat (Black Keys) Op. 10, No. 5: Chopin.

III.  
Waltz, A. flat, Op. 64 No. 8: Chopin.  
Scherzo, C. sharp minor, Op. 29: Chopin.  
IV.  
Dances on Rainfall: Tchaikovsky.  
V.  
Pavane: Debussy.

## NO THREATS.

REVENUE OFFICER  
DISCHARGED.

SEEKING A CASE?

The Chinese Revenue Officer charged with intimidating the owner of the Wong Woo Sang Distillery (completely in defiance of regulations by transferring labels being alleged) was discharged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) remarking that he was certainly not guilty of intimidation. He might have attempted to obtain a bribe but as he was not charged with that offence he (His Worship) could not express an opinion on it.

Exactly what took place between the defendant and the proprietor of the distillery at a restaurant prior to the entrance of police when a note marked at the instance of the distillery proprietor was handed to them by the defendant formed the subject of argument by Mr. Hugh Jones (for the defendant) and Mr. Whyte Smith (for the Crown).

Defendant's explanation was that he was seeking a case against the distillery proprietor who was suspected of defrauding the revenue and that the taking of the note was part of this. The explanation of the complainant's conduct in having a note marked and showing it to the police beforehand was, he claimed, that the complainant knew he was under suspicion and sought to get rid of the defendant in order that the removal of labels might be continued.

## LATE MR. D. MASON.

BODY BROUGHT TO  
HONGKONG.

YESTERDAY'S INTERMENT.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley of the late Mr. D. Mason, second engineer of the s.s. "Honam," who was drowned on Monday night when returning to the ship from Shamen. The body, it is understood, was found floating down the front reach opposite Dutch Folly. It was conveyed to Hongkong by the "Honam" yesterday.

Among those present at the funeral were Messrs. D. Harvey senior and junior, and Mrs. Harvey (sister), Messrs. C. Bond, J. H. Oxberry, C. F. Johnston, D. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh and Mr. and Mrs. C. Duncan. Wreaths were laid on the grave from the following: Mother and Lizzie, Jamie and David Harvey and David, John and Gerald, Jamie, Mr. James Hamilton, Mr. D. Steel, Engineers of the s.s. "Honam," the Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, Mr. Walter Mason and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oxberry, Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lapsley, Mr. P. T. and Miss Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gow, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Bond.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

M. LEVITSKI'S RECITAL  
TO-MORROW.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—I should like to endorse the opinion already expressed by correspondents that there is a greater treat in store in Levitski's recital to-morrow than probably is realised by many. Although not so well-known as some of the piano-giants, he has come to the front-rank of pianists in the past ten years and is now, I understand, only twenty-six.

The fact that his impresario, Mr. Strok, has brought to China only such articles as Kreisler, Heifetz, Elman, Zimbalist, Godowsky and Mabel Garrison places Levitski in the very front rank; moreover, Maestro Paci, the Italian pianist who recently passed through, spoke of him in terms of admiration.

His programme, which has just been published, including as it does Beethoven's Sonata Appassionata and an attractive Chopin group, among other items, should ensure an increase of bookings in the next 24 hours, and it is to be hoped that he will be accorded the welcome which a pianist of his standing and genius deserves.

Yours, etc.  
A. M. BOWEN-SMITH.

Hongkong, October 2.  
London, October 1.—The Board of Trade announced that it has ordered the suspension of import duties on all goods from the United States, and that it has also ordered the suspension of import duties on all goods from the United States, and that it has also ordered the suspension of import duties on all goods from the United States.

## MOTOR DANGER.

EUROPEAN CONVICTED ON  
TRAFFIC CHARGES.

DRIVING AT ALBANY.

Before Mr. S. E. B. McElderry at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. E. B. Dovey, the Government Analyst, was summoned to answer charges of driving his car in a prohibited area and reckless driving preferred against him by Messrs. C. Choa and M. K. Lo.

To a further charge of obstruction caused by using the junction of Queen's Road and Ice House Street as a parking place, the defendant pleaded guilty, and was given a nominal fine of \$1.

Giving evidence on the other charges, Mr. C. Choa said that he was driving his car along Robinson Road in an easterly direction when he observed defendant's car turning into Peak Road from Albany Road at a speed of about 20 to 25 miles an hour. Before taking the turn the defendant's car passed his car with about two yards between the two vehicles and no horn was sounded.

Mr. M. K. Lo stated in evidence that he was going up Garden Road in his car when he suddenly saw a car flash past his car. Witness considered that had defendant's car been a little closer to his own car there would have been a collision. He did not hear the horn sounded. In answer to a question by defendant, witness said that had Mr. Choa been one second sooner in reaching the crossing a collision would have been inevitable.

The defendant, giving evidence, said that he did not see the other car until he reached the crossing and then he sounded his horn. The maximum speed of his car was 11 miles per hour.

Answering the charge of driving in Albany Road, which is a prohibited area, defendant said that he understood the restrictions had been waived during the time Mr. McElderry had acted as Traffic Commissioner.

Acting Chief Inspector Kent said that this was not so.

His Worship convicted on both charges. No fine was imposed on the reckless driving charge, but the defendant was fined \$25 for using a prohibited area.

The complainants were thanked for reporting the matter, and the Magistrate wished others would do the same.

## WALKING STICK.

NEW FASHION FOR SMART  
WOMEN.

Walking-sticks for women are making their appearance in smart shops. They will no doubt be adopted by those who have the will and the wit to add to the decorative and amusing pageant of fashion, says the "Manchester Guardian." Two particularly elegant specimens are of this Directorate type very long and slim. One is made of ebony and has an attractive handle of transparent pink stone and a ferrule to match and is decorated with an enormous tassel of black and pink silk.

Another stick of mallee has a pale blue handle and a blue and brown silk tassel. Ebony and jade will also be popular, and handles are to be very varied—some perfectly smooth and plain, others elaborately carved, while still others uncarved, and hold the inevitable powder-puff and lip-stick.

Elaborately carved handles are not confined to sticks; for some umbrellas have a beautifully worked ivory figure of a Chinese lady holding a rose. These smart Directorate sticks should go well with the fashionable attenuated figure and give a gallant touch to the chiffon frocks and picture-hats of the moment. The shorter canes, which can be tucked under the arm, will harmonize with the trim outfit in kasha or the neat rep suit.

"Dear," said Mrs. Brown. "I do believe Mrs. Johnson is offended about something. She hasn't been to see us for several days."

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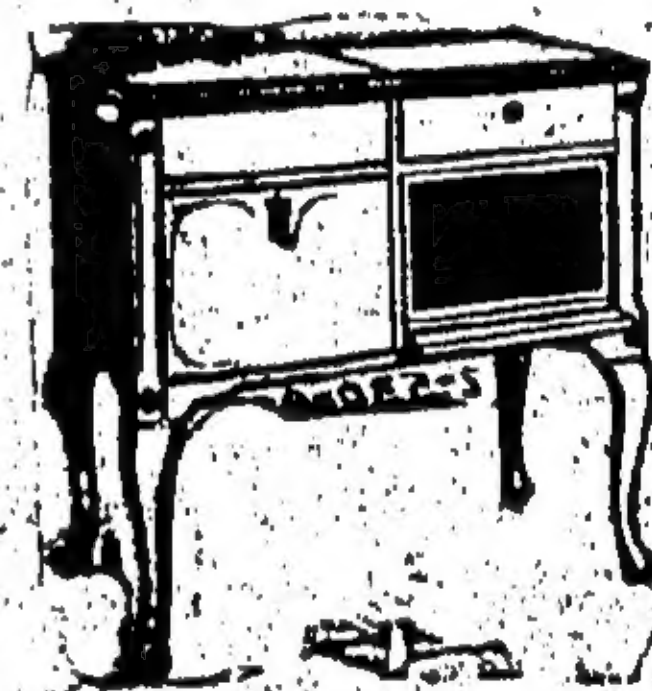
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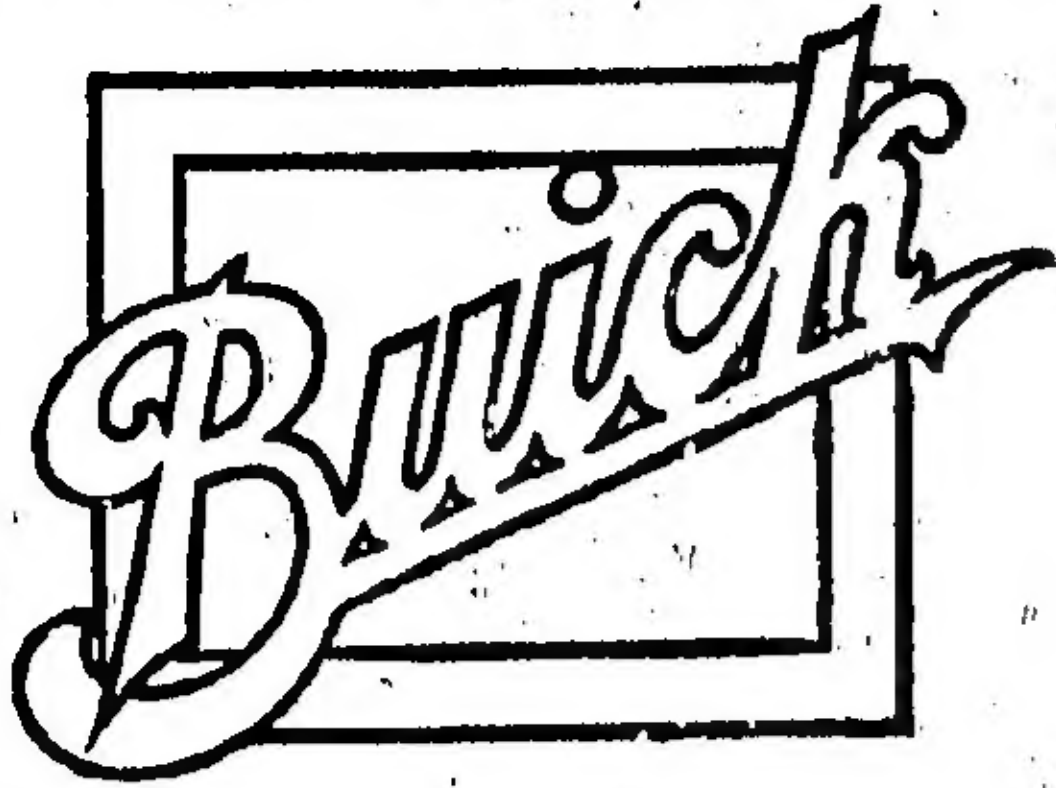
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A leading Manchester shipper expressed recently the opinion that by far the greater portion of England's trading loss due to the trouble in China, and estimated at £750,000 per month, is borne by Lancaster.

A travelling "cinema," which, it is stated, gives clear and definite pictures in the daylight, is the latest method of propaganda to be adopted by the Unionist Party. In towns and villages, films are to be exhibited of leading British industries and also of life in the overseas dominions.

A Cairo message reports that a conference will shortly be held at Jeddah, the Red Sea port, between representatives of King Hussein, Ibn Saud, and Great Britain, in order to seek a way out of the impasse, which inter alia prevents pilgrimage to Mecca.

The figures of attendance at the Dublin Horse Show show that the record of the year 1897, when King George, then Duke of York, was present, has been surpassed by a substantial margin. The attendance in 1897 was 66,162; this year's figure is 67,129. As compared with last year, the returns show an increase for the four days of 8,163.

Shanghai has acquired a new importance in the eyes of Canadian and American customs authorities as a result of the discovery of liquor-smuggling activities from ships despatched from Shanghai. Canada now shares with the United States the menace of Shanghai liquor ships on the Pacific. According to reports from American newspapers, the new movement of liquor from Shanghai across the Pacific for illicit sale in Canada and America is creating new problems for the revenue authorities of those two countries who see prospects of a Rum Row in the Pacific, maintained by concerns operating from Shanghai.

A fox entered Grayswood Church, near Haslemere, Surrey, just before a service began, and the sexton was obliged to wave his gown vigorously before it fled. The fox was tame, and is believed to have been in search of its owner, who is away on holiday.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, president of the Board of Trade in reply to a question in the House of Commons, stated that the total amount of merchant tonnage received in the way of reparations under the Treaty of Versailles was 1,974,628 tons gross.

Declaring that the 1923 earthquake and the subsequent hard times period have caused two great waves of crime in Tokyo, the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Board has asked for 400 additional police to preserve order in the suburbs.

Evidence of the growing public interest in better "movies" is afforded in "The Times" beginning publication of a series of articles on the present and future of the cinematograph as based upon personal observation and study at Hollywood by Robert Nichols, an English poet and artist. The first article, while optimistic as to the future production of cleaner, constructive films, says the \$1,500,000,000 twenty-year-old industry is "too young to know what its conscience is," and that producers are now obliged to make every picture satisfy 9,000,000 theatre-goers before its success is assured. Mr. Nichols says that what the industry most needs is intelligent criticism and the enlistment of the services of gifted, cultivated people of all countries. The "Manchester Guardian" indorses the offer of an American film producer to endow one of the greatest universities with a chair of cinema, saying: "The fact that producers are not satisfied and want to concern themselves with an art as well as an industry is a very hopeful sign."

A very original attempt at suicide is reported. A man presented himself in a Warsaw police station and declared that he took part in the derailing of a passenger train, near Stargard, in the Polish Corridor, in which over thirty people were killed. He was arrested and sent to Thorn, and on investigation it was established that he had nothing to do with the matter. Eventually the man confessed that, finding himself in a hopeless situation, he decided to "commit suicide by being sentenced to death and executed for other people's crime."

A concern which has figured in a rather amazingly wide circle of literary notice has been wound up in London lately. It is Messrs. Day and Martin, with whose blacking "Sam" Weller polished the boots of Mr. Pickwick. Besides being mentioned by Dickens, the firm's blacking shines in the works of Tom Hood, George Eliot and Thomas Carlyle. Dickens himself worked, as a lad of eleven, for a still older firm that was absorbed by Day and Martin, and his unhappy experiences there will be found depicted in "David Copperfield." The house where he worked stood on the present site of the Charing Cross railway station, and it is said that he disliked it so that he could never bring himself to go down the street on which it was located after he had freed himself from his apprenticeship. Day and Martin was founded in 1770 in a rather romantic way. Martin, of Doncaster, was a hairdresser who once befriended a soldier who had overstayed his leave. Out of gratitude the soldier gave him a recipe for the blacking which he used on officers' boots. "Make blacking like that and you will make a fortune," said the soldier. Martin and his cousin, Day, decided to try it, and the famous firm prospered until 1894, when more progressive competitors won the trade. After slowly decreasing in importance for years, it is now being wound up.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Mrs. and Miss Tarrant returned to the Colony yesterday by the "President Taft."

Mr. E. L. Killick, rubber editor of the "Financial Times," has arrived in Kuala Lumpur, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wallis.

Mr. A. Cossart (A.P.C.) and Mrs. Cossart, hope to leave England for Hongkong on October 9. The remainder of their holiday is being spent at one of Belgium's spas.

No Prince of Wales has ever before visited South America, which can boast the unique distinction of being the only Continent that the British have failed to colonise. Raleigh and the Harcourt of his day failed in Guiana, the English settlement on the Mosquito Coast collapsed as completely, although less tragically, than the Scottish enterprise on Darien; companies of "Adventurers to the River Amazon" and elsewhere came to grief, and Pitt's attempt to "annex" the Argentine ended in ridicule as well as disaster.

A picture of Mussolini:—Or see him at a public reception—such as that of the International Chambers of Commerce. Around the walls of the brilliantly lit hall are the refreshment tables. In the centre of the hall the visitors from many nations are gathered awaiting the coming of the Dictator. Presently the door opens and Mussolini is seen advancing into the hall. His head is half turned, his face is fixed in a mask-like indifference to the scene, from his raised right hand a flower droops to his nostrils. Around him, as he advances a group of Fascists, each also holding a flower to the nostrils, revolve in measured step like satellites around a sun. No word is uttered. Twice the great luminary with his attendant planets promenade round the room, the head still half turned, the face still fixed in a monumental glare. Then the luminary stops and the planets cease to revolve. Plunkety rush forward with champagne. The Dictator tosses off a glass—two glasses. His revolving suite obediently follow his example. Then, the function over, the planetary motion is resumed, the door is flung open and the Dictator disappears from the sight of his astonished guests.

Consequent on the impending retirement of Mr. B. Tanner, Mr. A. H. Crook becomes Headmaster and Mr. W. Kay Second master at Queen's College.

It is stated that Maxim Gorki, who left Russia to live in Germany about two years ago, has now almost recovered from his long illness, and intends starting on a new novel dealing with the Russian civil war. His son, who is an officer in the Foreign Legion, is now fighting in Morocco.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin have consented to become honorary members of the Clan Donald Society, one of the Highland Clan organisations in Scotland. The Prime Minister's mother was a MacDonald and a descendant of an old family of Skye. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin will be invited to attend the annual Clan Donald dinner in Glasgow, at which the chair will be taken by one or other of the three rival chiefs—Sir Alexander Macdonald of the Isles, Glengarry, and Clanranald.

Opportunities occur to-day and to-morrow to see "The Sea Hawk" at the Queen's Theatre. The picture has attracted crowds, and it is a picture that can be recommended. Loving hands have dealt faithfully with the period of the story—that of Queen Elizabeth—and there is a picturesqueness which is captivating. The story has a human appeal. Milton Sills is perhaps the outstanding actor—the man with a personality—but Wallace Beery at last comes into his own. The King of Villains has a natural part, so much so that his "entrance" is eagerly anticipated.

It is not often that the Lord Mayor and leading residents of a great city go officially to a railway station to welcome one of themselves, but this is what happened when Sir Archibald Salvidge got back to Liverpool from London after piloting the Mersey Tunnel Bill to the Statute Book. The measure received the Royal Assent. The Lord Mayor and the leaders of the three political parties met Sir Archibald at Lime Street and thanked him in the name of the city for the great work he had accomplished. A strong Conservative himself, Sir Archibald's public spirit has won the appreciation of all parties who are joining forces in a movement to confer an honour upon him.

Sir Charles Higham, the advertising expert, telling of his early struggles in America, says book-keeping did not offer sufficient remuneration, so he decided to become a reporter. "In fifteen years I had twenty-nine jobs," he says. "Every time I left one I thought the tragedy of my life had come. Every time I got another I knew it hadn't."

England, says a Home writer, breathed again recently when Hobbs made the necessary nine runs to equal Dr. Grace's tale of centuries; and Hobbs himself must have been secretly relieved to pass this statistical solstice. For all that, I doubt if the records are really comparable. Grace made his runs on rough wickets, and the proof that centuries were more difficult to get then than now is that he took forty instead of twenty years to get them—yet assuredly he was not a lesser cricketer than Hobbs.

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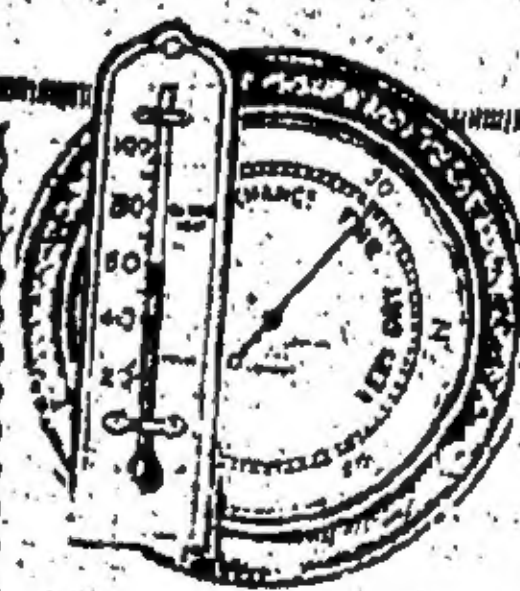
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# "CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

## CRICKET TEAMS.

### TWO UNIVERSITY GAMES TO-MORROW.

#### PORKULAM & HAPPY VALLEY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI v. H.M.S. "Hermes" to-morrow at 2 p.m. in a cricket match on the University Ground:

A. A. Rumjahn (Captain), Rev. E. K. Quick, H. N. Balhetcher, S. O. Shahabudin, W. M. Gittins, D. K. Samy, S. A. M. Sopher, S. Hachiuma, I. Tajima, E. Zimmern and B. P. Ng.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI v. Civil Service C.C. on the latter's ground:

B. N. Sudan (Captain), C. W. Lam, W. H. Sling, C. A. Peterson, V. F. R. Vicajee, A. T. M. Barma, Y. C. Teh, C. H. Yeoh, H. Y. Leong, C. K. Ong and F. Hiptool.

## H.K.F.A. MEETING.

### IMPORTANT BUSINESS NEXT THURSDAY.

Important business is, it is understood, to be discussed at the next meeting of the Hongkong Football Association, an extraordinary meeting at 5.30 p.m., next Thursday, at Volunteer Headquarters.

## SOCCER REFORM.

### COMMENT ON EFFECT AT HOME.

#### NEW LAWS BENEFICIAL.

How will the new off-side law affect football? This is the burning topic of the new season. Will there be too much speed at the sacrifice of science and ball play? And too many goals?

Reports from Scotland, where, after all, the best football has been played since the war—if international contests provide a reliable guide—and where control of the ball and subtle combination have always been preferred to mere push and go, indicate that Scottish judges are still well satisfied with the change.

Scotland's reputation for high-class football—supposed to be threatened by the alteration—is such that these reports are encouraging.

Scotland is satisfied with the trend of tactics, and figures show that there has been no serious increase in scoring. A reasonable increase will be good for the game, and this is precisely what has happened.

#### More Goals This Year.

Here are the statistics for the first two Saturdays of the season in the Scottish League:

|                  | 1924. | 1925. |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| Games.           | 28    | 88    |
| Goals.           | 115   | 108   |
| 1st Saturday.... | 28    | 88    |
| 2nd Saturday.... | 28    | 77    |

#### Totals (for 56 games) 168.... 218

Early bursts of scoring were to be expected. Defenders have not yet adapted themselves to a change that increases their difficulties and was intended to give the forwards a better chance.

It is reasonable to suppose, however, that as full-backs and half-backs gain experience of the new order and plan their campaign accordingly, the forward will meet greater resistance and the goal will be less frequently in peril. A crop of goals in Home football in August and September was anticipated, says the "Athletic News" of August 24, which warned clubs of the dangers of the early days of the season.

#### Throw In Rule.

On an early date the Scottish, Welsh, and Irish Associations will send delegates to meet the F.A. at Liverpool.

Quite likely the opportunity will be created for a conference on the new throw-in law. It is time the several countries came to unanimity.

At the practice matches in England-players have been throwing in the ball largely in the old way—with both feet on the line. Nor is it realized that, according to the explanation given by Mr. John Lewis, who first advocated the change, the player may stand with one foot behind the other. Here is a falling in with the advantage of the proffered opportunity of making a farmer and a cow "kick" through the

## HOME SOCCER.

### MORE MID-WEEK LEAGUE MATCHES.

#### LESS SCORING NOW.

#### (Reuter's Service.)

The following football matches were played to-day (home team given first):

| Division I.       |              |         |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|
| Notts County 1    | Liverpool    | 2       |
| Div. III (South). |              |         |
| Newport C. 1      | Bournemouth. | 0       |
| Div. III (North). |              |         |
| Tranmere...       | 0            | Grimsby |

#### ENGLISH LEAGUE.

| Team          | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Sunderland... | 7  | 6  | 0  | 1  | 24 | 9  | 12   |
| Tottenham...  | 9  | 5  | 2  | 2  | 16 | 12 | 12   |
| West Ham...   | 8  | 5  | 1  | 2  | 12 | 9  | 11   |
| Arsenal...    | 8  | 4  | 3  | 1  | 14 | 9  | 11   |
| Liverpool...  | 7  | 4  | 2  | 1  | 16 | 6  | 10   |

| Team            | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Reading...      | 7  | 3  | 4  | 0  | 17 | 13 | 10   |
| Leeds...        | 8  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 14 | 11 | 9    |
| Aston Villa...  | 7  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 21 | 11 | 9    |
| Birmingham...   | 9  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 14 | 12 | 9    |
| Bolton W...     | 9  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 17 | 18 | 8    |
| Manch. Un...    | 8  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 15 | 13 | 8    |
| Everton...      | 9  | 1  | 5  | 3  | 17 | 18 | 7    |
| Notts County    | 9  | 3  | 1  | 5  | 10 | 13 | 7    |
| Burnley...      | 9  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 11 | 25 | 7    |
| Blackburn...    | 8  | 3  | 1  | 4  | 21 | 17 | 7    |
| Newcastle U.    | 7  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 24 | 19 | 6    |
| West Brom-      |    |    |    |    |    |    |      |
| wich...         | 7  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 10 | 16 | 6    |
| Bury...         | 5  | 3  | 0  | 2  | 12 | 13 | 6    |
| Cardiff City... | 9  | 2  | 1  | 6  | 11 | 15 | 5    |
| Sheff. Wed...   | 7  | 1  | 3  | 3  | 11 | 15 | 5    |
| Leicester...    | 8  | 2  | 1  | 5  | 15 | 19 | 5    |
| Sheff. U...     | 7  | 0  | 2  | 5  | 14 | 25 | 2    |

| Team          | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Reading...    | 9  | 5  | 3  | 1  | 16 | 12 | 13   |
| Plymouth...   | 7  | 6  | 0  | 1  | 29 | 12 | 12   |
| Millwall...   | 8  | 5  | 1  | 2  | 20 | 11 | 11   |
| Newport...    | 9  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 16 | 11 | 11   |
| Watford...    | 9  | 4  | 2  | 3  | 13 | 15 | 10   |
| Northants...  | 8  | 4  | 2  | 2  | 16 | 15 | 10   |
| Norwich...    | 8  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 9  | 10 | 9    |
| Swindon...    | 9  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 16 | 16 | 9    |
| Southend...   | 9  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 21 | 23 | 9    |
| Merthyr...    | 7  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 17 | 9  | 8    |
| Bristol C...  | 8  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 15 | 15 | 8    |
| Brighton...   | 6  | 4  | 0  | 2  | 17 | 10 | 8    |
| Exeter...     | 8  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 12 | 9  | 8    |
| Gillingham... | 8  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 15 | 11 | 8    |
| Bristol R...  | 8  | 3  | 1  | 4  | 13 | 7  | 7    |
| Aberdare...   | 8  | 3  | 1  | 4  | 13 | 7  | 7    |
| Leam...       | 9  | 3  | 1  | 5  | 12 | 14 | 7    |
| Charlton...   | 7  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 7  | 15 | 7    |
| Bournemouth   | 9  | 2  | 2  | 5  | 8  | 16 | 6    |
| G. F. R.      | 8  | 2  | 1  | 5  | 7  | 16 | 5    |
| Crystal P...  | 7  | 2  | 0  | 5  | 16 | 17 | 4    |
| Sheff. U...   | 8  | 0  | 1  | 7  | 9  | 27 | 1    |

#### Division III.

#### Southern Section.

| Team          | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Reading...    | 9  | 5  | 3  | 1  | 16 | 12 | 13   |
| Plymouth...   | 7  | 6  | 0  | 1  | 29 | 12 | 12   |
| Millwall...   | 8  | 5  | 1  | 2  | 20 | 11 | 11   |
| Newport...    | 9  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 16 | 11 | 11   |
| Watford...    | 9  | 4  | 2  | 3  | 13 | 15 | 10   |
| Northants...  | 8  | 4  | 2  | 2  | 16 | 15 | 10   |
| Norwich...    | 8  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 9  | 10 | 9    |
| Swindon...    | 9  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 16 | 16 | 9    |
| Southend...   | 9  | 4  | 1  | 4  | 21 | 23 | 9    |
| Merthyr...    | 7  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 17 | 9  | 8    |
| Bristol C...  | 8  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 15 | 15 | 8    |
| Brighton...   | 6  | 4  | 0  | 2  | 17 | 10 | 8    |
| Exeter...     | 8  | 4  | 0  | 4  | 12 | 9  | 8    |
| Gillingham... | 8  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 15 | 11 | 8    |
| Bristol R...  | 8  | 3  | 1  | 4  | 13 | 7  | 7    |
| Aberdare...   | 8  | 3  | 1  | 4  | 13 | 7  | 7    |
| Leam...       | 9  | 3  | 1  | 5  | 12 | 14 | 7    |
| Charlton...   | 7  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 7  | 15 | 7    |
| Bournemouth   | 9  | 2  | 2  | 5  | 8  | 16 | 6    |
| G. F. R.      | 8  | 2  | 1  | 5  | 7  | 16 | 5    |
| Crystal P...  | 7  | 2  | 0  | 5  | 16 | 17 | 4    |
| Sheff. U...   | 8  | 0  | 1  | 7  | 9  | 27 | 1    |

#### Division III.

#### Northern Section.

| Team           | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Bradford...    | 9  | 6  | 1  | 2  | 27 | 13 | 13   |
| Rochdale...    | 8  | 5  | 3  | 0  | 22 | 10 | 13   |
| Grimsby...     | 9  | 5  | 2  | 2  | 22 | 16 | 12   |
| Durham...      | 9  | 5  | 0  | 4  | 20 | 16 | 10   |
| Hartlepool...  | 8  | 5  | 0  | 3  | 15 | 18 | 10   |
| Ashington...   | 8  | 3  | 4  | 1  | 16 | 10 | 10   |
| Wrexham...     | 8  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 14 | 15 | 9    |
| Lincoln...     | 8  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 15 | 13 | 9    |
| Coventry...    | 8  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 15 | 14 | 9    |
| Doncaster...   | 8  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 13 | 13 | 9    |
| N. Brighton... | 8  | 3  | 2  | 3  | 14 | 16 | 8    |
| Wigan...       | 8  | 2  | 4  | 2  | 17 | 14 | 8    |
| Nelson...      | 9  | 2  | 4  | 3  | 17 | 18 | 8    |
| Rotherham...   | 7  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 13 | 17 | 8    |
| Crewe...       | 7  | 3  | 1  | 3  | 15 | 15 | 7    |
| Accrington...  | 9  | 3  | 1  | 5  | 13 | 24 | 7    |
| Southport...   | 7  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 12 | 14 | 6    |
| Chesham...     | 8  | 2  | 1  | 5  | 7  | 10 | 5    |
| Halifax...     | 8  | 2  | 1  | 5  | 11 | 13 | 5    |
| Barrow...      | 9  | 2  | 1  | 6  | 12 | 20 | 5    |
| Tranmere...    | 8  | 2  | 1  | 5  | 13 | 23 | 5    |
| Walsall...     | 9  | 1  | 2  | 6  | 11 | 28 | 4    |

## USE OF THE WHIP.

### JOCKEYS' "BUTCHER BOY" TACTICS.

#### THE ONLY TRUE TEST.

The following from a Home paper, will be of interest to readers of the "China Mail" who, about a year ago, complained, regarding the free use of the whip by present-day jockeys. The accusation, made in one quarter of resorting to "butcher boy" tactics is absurd, says the writer. Some people are only too ready to believe this kind of story; and wild statements of this kind might do much harm to a sport which is happily, almost immune from cruelty of any kind. Occasionally there might be an unnecessary use made of the whip, but such an occurrence is very rare and is generally the result of over-excitement to succeed on the race-course, or of a momentary loss of control.

## V.R.C. SPORTS.

### AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS OF COLONY.

#### YESTERDAY'S EVENTS.

A rather poor "house" attended the V.R.C. annual aquatic sports yesterday.

Following up his success on Wednesday, A. May won the quarter mile championship of the Colony from D. Lyon.

Results follow:—  
Two Lengths Hurdles Handicap (members)—1st heat: 1. J. V. Ramsey; 2. J. Stewart; Time: 38secs. 2nd heat: 1. A. Marcel; 2. C. Zimmern; Time: 31.1-5secs.  
Boys' High Dive (open)—1. G. Remedios; (97 points) 2. J. McCubbin; (92 points).

Ladies Two Lengths Handicap (open)—1. C. Smith; 2. M. Goulet; Time: 37.2-5secs.  
Running Header from Spring Board.—1. E. A. Brodie; (85) 2. W. G. Urquhart; (84); 3. C. Mackenzie; (82).

440 Yards Championship of the Colony (open)—1. A. F. May; 2. D. Lyon; 3. C. J. Cooke. Time: 5 minutes 5.2-5secs.

Girls Two Lengths (open)—1st heat: 1. C. Dixon; 2. M. George. Time: 44.4-5secs. 2nd heat: 1. D. Hunt; 2. G. Allen. Time: 41.3-5secs.

100 Yards Back Stroke Championship of the Colony (open)—1. E. A. Noronha; 2. G. R. Razavet. Time: 51secs.

Two Lengths Handicap (members)—1st heat: 1. H. Alves, 29.1-5secs.; 2. E. A. Marcel, 30.3-5secs. 2nd heat: 1. J. Stewart, 30.3-5secs.; 2. J. V. Ramsey, 30.3-5secs. 3rd heat: 1. S. H. Garrod, 30.2-5secs.; 2. E. A. Brodie, 27.3-5secs. and G. A. Noronha, 29.2-5secs. (tied). 4th heat: 1. C. Mackenzie, 31.1-5secs.; 2. R. de Rocha, 31secs. 5th heat: 1. A. P. Eca da Silva, 31.2-5secs.; 2. A. A. B. Botelho, 28secs. 6th heat: 1. B. Zimmern, 29.2-5secs.; 2. J. B. Soares, 29secs.

Two Lengths Team Race (members)—1. E. W. Raiton's team consisting of himself, D. Ewing, A. A. R. Botelho, J. Soares and J. Stewart; 2. T. King's team. Time: 2 minutes 28secs.

Boys' Two Lengths Handicap.—1. J. McCubbin; 2. J. S. Lyon. Time: 36.2-5secs.

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The events down for decision to-day are as under.—Four Lengths Handicap (members). Indies Two Lengths (final). 100 Yards Boys' Championship. Long Plunge Championship of the Colony. 220 Yards Championship of the Colony. Four Lengths Handicap (ladies). Final Girls Two Lengths. 100 Yards Breast Stroke Championship of the Colony. Two Lengths Handicap open to Army and Navy. Four Lengths Handicap. Girls under 15 years of age. 100 Yards Championship—H.M. Forces.

## WHO'S HOBBS?

### POWER OF THE GREAT BATSMAN.

I expect most people are almost sick of the sight of the name "Hobbs" in print by this time, but I crave the indulgence of my readers for the retelling of a little experience which befell me coming home in the train from St. Andrews, says a Home sports writer.

It was a typical British railway carriage scene—one man studying the evening paper and two stolidly gazing out the windows, each determinedly unaware of the presence of the others, each probably a sociable soul and a gossip at heart but characteristically unwilling to be the first to speak.

Suddenly I recollected that Hobbs was not out on Saturday night and that I had not seen an evening edition. I cleared my throat twice and, taking my courage in both hands, blurted out the repulsive alliance by asking the man with the paper if Hobbs had got his hundred.

In five minutes the conversation was lively and, thanks to Hobbs, we parted the best of friends. As Shakespeare might have said: "One touch of sport makes the whole world kin." Certainly it did on Monday, though I know one family circle that was thrown into a state of agitation by a feminine question, "Who's Hobbs?"

Prior to the interzone final in the Davis Cup, which was won by France, C. L. Peterson (Australia) declared that this is his last season, the Australian and Australia will have to say in younger players to win the Davis Cup.

But Australia has her difficulties. A batting boom is accompanied by a slump in bowling—compared, that is, with the all-conquering attack that Armstrong handled so well in 1920-21.

Then there is the question of Warren Bardsley—dropped during the last series—and Charles Macartney, who took no part in those games. Apart from their ability, the presence of these worrying warriors would have a moral effect extending through Australia's forces and into ours.

No Nobles in View.  
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## THE NEXT TESTS.

### AUSTRALIA ALSO HAS PRECIPITANT.

#### BATTING V. BOWLING.

The correspondence appearing in the "Athletic News" on the lessons of 1925 in relation to next summer's cricket Tests with Australia reveals a general feeling that A. W. Carr, the captain of Notts, should lead the eleven and, for the rest, much uncertainty regarding the bowling and the retention of certain well-tried players.

But Australia has her difficulties. A batting boom is accompanied by a slump in bowling—compared, that is, with the all-conquering attack that Armstrong handled so well in 1920-21.

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Edgar Jordan saved his life by dropping under a table when the Pickwick Club building collapsed at Boston, but his wife was pinned under wreckage for nine hours and died soon after being rescued.



**MRS. NOLA E. AUSTIN**

Mrs. Nola Ends Austin has just favoured her spouse, Arthur Austin, with her hand in marriage for the third time. Twice they quarrelled and were divorced, each time to be re-wed. The third time will be the last, Mrs. Austin says.



**FRANK NEUHAUSER**

Frank Neuhauser, 11 years old, won a national spelling championship in a contest in which 2,000,000 children participated.



**PATRIARCH OF WINDSOR**

A new religious movement, which is to include the ex-service men of the United States and Great Britain, has been founded by a Canadian who styles himself the Patriarch of Windsor.



**MISS AMELIA J. HALL**

Miss Amelia Hall, trained nurse, who cared for William McClintock before his mysterious death, testified in the trial of William Shepherd in Chicago that everything possible was done to combat the youth's demise.



**MISS GISELLA WATTENBERG**

Miss Gisella Wattenberg is "off" sheiks—real ones—for the rest of her life. On arriving home, she told how she was lashed by an Arab chieftain in Palestine after she had refused his overtures.



**STANLEY GORMICKI**

Stanley Gormicki has consumed over 2,000 gallons of milk during the two and one-half years he has subsisted entirely on a liquid diet. Gormicki was gassed in the war and the diet was ordered by his physician.



**MRS. DELLA GUNN OWENS**

Mrs. Della Gunn Owens was shot dead by burglars when she interrupted them as they were looting her home.



**MRS. CHURCHILL COLEMAN**

The engagement of Mrs. Churchill Coleman, of Philadelphia and Washington, to Leland Harrison, America's first assistant secretary of State, has been announced by her father, H. Dawson Coleman, of Philadelphia.



**DOROTHY PERKINS**

Dorothy Perkins, the youngest girl ever tried for killing in New York, was convicted of first degree manslaughter, carrying a penalty of from 10 to 30 years in prison, for shooting her father, Thomas Perkins, who had been molesting her with his advances while she was a child.



**MISS MARIA LUISA MAIDE**

Miss Maria Luisa Maide, a school girl, was chosen by students of Mexico City as their scholastic queen for the year 1925.



**MRS. DOROTHY MARTIN HULMAN**

Mrs. Dorothy Martin Hulman, wife of "Eddie" Hulman, son of a wealthy department store owner, died last for illness of grandeur of stroke, after her husband of drinking too much and treating her roughly at the time of their honeymoon.



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# ODDS AND ENDS

### Sheba's Queen.

"When the Queen of Sheba came  
and laid jewels and fine raiment be-  
fore Solomon, what did he say?"  
asked the Sunday school teacher.  
One small girl, evidently wise to  
such matters, replied promptly:  
"Ow much d'yer want for the  
lot?"

### The Lady With the Apples.

Where else but in London would  
one see a woman walking along the  
street with a basket of apples under  
her arm, stopping here and there to  
feed a van-horse, drawn up by the  
kerb? asks "Gadabout" in the  
"Daily Chronicle." This happened  
in a crowded thoroughfare at the  
busiest moment of the morning, and  
yet nobody was taking any particu-  
lar notice of the lady with the ap-  
ples. All Londoners are familiar  
with the ladies who feed stray cats  
and take lost dogs home, but it is  
the first time I have seen one  
systematically feeding horses in the  
streets of London.

### Executed Murderer's Kindness.

A little message reports a touch-  
ing result from an experiment  
which was recently made on the  
body of a half-witted child on which  
was grafted the thyroid gland of a  
murderer named Oliver, who was  
executed several months ago in  
front of the last courts of the  
northern city. The operation of  
the extraction of the gland was  
performed by Dr. Lefort a few  
minutes after the criminal was  
guillotined. The operation gave  
excellent results, and the child, a  
girl who had suffered from great  
mental and physical weakness, was  
rapidly transformed. Grafting of  
this kind being generally unsuccess-  
ful, however, as the human organ-  
ism appears as a rule to reject  
foreign bodies of this nature, the  
surgeon concerned preferred to wait  
several months before making any  
formal report on the results of his  
experiment. Dr. Lefort, who is a  
member of the Academie de  
Medicine, and who was assisted in  
the operation by Dr. Jean  
Piquet, now announces that the  
experiment has proved completely  
successful. The gland has been  
perfectly assimilated by the child,  
who is now in excellent health,  
both physically and mentally. She  
has developed normal intelligence,  
and is generally of a bright and  
joyous temperament.

My Mary!

These lines are a fitting eulogy  
to Drayton's "My Mary." Since there's  
no help come, let his kiss and part.  
It is a love so deep and constant  
that the reader feels she is being ad-  
mitted to the inner sanctuary of the  
poet's heart. How well this knits  
up with the passion of Burns; still  
the same passion perhaps, but still  
a deep emotion.

Had we never loved so kindly,  
Had we never loved so kindly,  
Never met, or never parted,  
We had better been broken-hearted.  
These were the seeds from which  
has sprung modern romantic poetry.  
We find how the cry of "an  
unchanged, a little damaged," who  
in the midst of his sorrows cried:  
I fled him down the nights and  
down the days.

But Francis Thompson could not  
escape the fates of the House of  
Heaven who came "with deliberate  
speed, majestic instance." It is a  
sad story, but a story of triumph.  
If poetry has its origin in emotion  
recollected in tranquillity, then  
this indeed is poetry.—Ben R.  
Gibbs in "T.P.'s and Cassell's  
We rely.

### Gaining Experience.

Let the aspirant read the auto-  
biography of Miss Ellen Terry if  
she wishes to see how a great actress  
comes to her proper position in the  
theatre. Miss Sybil Thorndike's  
record of work and endurance is un-

### Our Heads Altering Shape.

According to Sir Arthur Keith,  
the shape of the British head is  
changing, though the total brain  
capacity does not seem to be in-  
creasing reports the "Evening  
Standard." The intellectual facul-  
ties have, their seats in various  
parts of the brain; a change of  
shape may thus well indicate the  
change of mental equipment, or  
perhaps of temperament. In other  
words, our minds are, undergoing  
evolution, and we are slowly be-  
coming something different from our  
ancestors. Incidentally it may be  
pointed out that the round head  
tends to indicate an original type  
of mind, whereas the long head  
seems to accompany a critical atti-  
tude.

### Poisonous Daffodils.

Daffodils, which are at present  
brightening most London streets  
with their welcome green and gold,  
look like an incarnation of combined  
beauty and innocence. Yet not  
only the root, but to some extent  
the whole plant, is poisonous,  
though a decoction brewed from it  
is still warranted in the West  
County to cure nearly all diseases,  
probably by killing the patient.  
says the "Daily Chronicle."

### The Coming of Romance.

Cowper touches the depths of  
emotion. There is nothing more  
sad in all literature or life than  
"My Mary." Disease kept him  
from marriage; with Mary, Clavin,  
it is the same sad story as Swift's,  
with this passionate climax:  
And should my future lot be cast  
With much resemblance of the  
past,  
The worn out heart will break at  
last.

### In Hawaii.

In Hawaii one may shop for  
leaves in attractive stores, inspect-  
ing and selecting Hawaiian and  
Oriental curios or the latest com-  
modities from the mainland; says  
the "Honolulu Star Bulletin."  
Hawaiian houses or tents with  
native food, singing and hula  
dancing are often arranged. Parties  
at Japanese tea houses with tables  
on the floor, kimono and sandals for  
costume and geisha girls for enter-  
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